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SOUTH BEND-LAPORTE, INDIANA, MILK MARKET NEWS

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DECEMBER UNIFORM PRICE \$4.13

Dairy farmers will receive a uniform price of \$4.13 for December deliveries of Grade A milk to handlers under the South Bend-LaPorte, Indiana, milk order. The uniform price is based upon a butterfat test of 3.5 percent, and will be adjusted by a differential of 7.2 cents for each one-tenth percent that tests vary above or below the 3.5 percent standard. This minimum price is subject to a 3 cent per hundredweight marketing service deduction, together with the authorized hauling charges and the 3 percent transportation tax on the hauling.

The December price of \$4.13 represents a decrease of 9 cents from the November 1956 blend price, and also the December price of a year ago. A decrease in Class I sales and an increase in producer receipts accounts for the decline in blend price from November. The decline from a year ago is practically all due to an increase in production.

Class I sales in December 1956 amounted to approximately 10.6 million pounds of milk. On a daily basis, Class I sales were 7.36% below November 1956 and 7.08% above those of December a year ago.

Producers delivered almost 15 million pounds of milk to handlers under the South Bend-LaPorte, Indiana, milk order in December. Of these receipts, 71.26% were allocated to Class I for computation of the uniform price. On a daily basis, production was 7.42% above November and almost 27% over a year ago.

The average production per farm per day was 471 pounds, compared to 438 pounds for November 1956 and 408 pounds for December a year ago. This represents an increase of 11.5 percent over a year ago and accounts for the 27 percent increase in production, together with the fact that there are 92 more producers on the market than there were a year ago.

The December Class I price was \$4.456 per hundredweight for 3.5 percent milk. This compares with \$4.395 for November and \$4.417 for December 1955. The January 1957 Class I price is \$4.225.

UTILIZATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MILK

	December 1956		December 1955	
	Product	Butterfat	Product	Butterfat
CLASS I	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Milk	9105647	323623	8685461	310279
Skim Milk	92971	30	91266	37
Fortified Skim Milk	659969	13079	414499	8404
Buttermilk	120528	700	130102	884
Flavored Milk & Drink	288937	7989	278441	7068
Cereal Mixture	248534	30411	211623	25612
Coffee Cream	25826	5252	28851	5832
Whipping Cream	31379	10606	23217	8079
Sour Cream	10929	2074	9732	1831
Eggnog	51696	4357	60286	5248
Total Class I Utilization	10636416	398121	9933478	373274
Add: Class I Shrinkage	46038	4030	36943	6258
Subtract: Other Source Receipts	64	11	334089	6661
Subtract: Overage	--	--	1827	--
Net Class I	10682390	402140	9634505	372871
CLASS II				
Used to Produce Cottage Cheese	620154	7054	507036	5590
Other Class II Products	3464704	174720	2593527	137759
Inventory Variation	188717	4188	(227633)	(7732)
Total Class II Utilization	4273575	185962	2872930	135617
Add: Class II Shrinkage	128218	7204	131936	9893
Subtract: Other Source Receipts	87135	8153	803283	41773
Subtract: Overage	1087	705	12088	78
Net Class II	4313571	184308	2189495	103659
TOTAL PRODUCER RECEIPTS	14995961	586418	11824000	476530

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

	December 1956	November 1956	December 1955
Total Production	14995961#	13509357#	11824000#
Average Daily Production	483741#	450312#	381419#
Dec. 1956 Prod. Compared With -	--	+ 7.42%	+ 26.83%
Number of Producers	1026	1027	934
Daily Herd Production	471#	438#	408#
Ave. Test of Prod. Milk Received	3.91071%	3.91070%	4.03019%
Average Price 3.5% Milk	\$ 4.13	\$ 4.22	\$ 4.22
Chicago 92 Score Butter	\$.59934	\$.61881	\$.57792
Class I Sales	10636416#	11110912#	9933478#
Class I Daily Average	343110#	370364#	320435#
Dec. 1956 Compared With -	--	- 7.36%	+ 7.08%
Total Value Paid Producers	\$ 663677.52	\$ 611152.67	\$ 542228.90
Average Monthly Milk Check per Farm	\$ 617.62	\$ 595.09	\$ 580.54
Average Daily Milk Check per Farm	\$ 19.92	\$ 19.84	\$ 18.73
Producer Butterfat Differential	\$.072	\$.074	\$.069

